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BIVOLTINE SERICULTURE TECHNOLOGY PROJECT
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bivoltine Sericulture Technology Project is under implementation in Karnataka and other States with assistance of Japanese International Cooperation Agency(JICA);

(b) if so, the amount spent on the said project in each State;

(c) the names of districts covered and the number of farmers benefited under the said project, so far, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the production Bivoltine Silk under the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V.DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) The Central Silk Board has been implementing a project for Promotion of Popularizing the Practical Bivoltine Sericulture Technology(PPPBST) with the cooperation and assistance of Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to develop anc introduce hardier and productive bivoltine silkworm races and appropriate package of practices for mulberry garden and silkworm rearing technology under tropical condition in the State of Karnataka since 1997 and the project has been extended to the States of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh from 1999. The JICA provides only sericulture experts from Japan, training of Indian counterparts in Japan and also necessary equipments for the project and does not provide any direct financial assistance to the Central Silk Board.It is therefore not possible to give state-wise figures of amount spent. However, the CSB has incurred a total expenditure of Rs. 223.04 lakhs from 1997-98 to 2000-01 (upto June, 2000) on the project.

(c) The project has covered Mandya, Tumkur, Chitradurga and Bangalore districts in Karnataka, Erode district in Tamil Nadu and Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh and has directly benefited 103 farmers in Karnataka and 19 each in Tamil Nadu & Andhra Pradesh

(d) The Central Silk Board is engaged in transferring the bivoltine sericulture technology to the field, adopting it to Indian conditions and finding the correct set of extension practices. The Department of Sericulture of Govt. of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have drawn up a comprehensive plan for promotion and expansion of bivoltine sericulture in their respective States. The commercial exploitation of bivoltine races is expected to result in production of raw silk of international standard in the country